

FEEDBACK

units of work and not just how to begin co-operative program planning and teaching. Topics covered in the workshops were:

- Co-operative program planning and teaching with a whole class
- Teaching co-operatively
- A co-operatively taught science unit
- RAGE (Read And Get Enjoyment): a literature based reading program in a secondary school
- Developing an information skills program
- Co-operative Programming with a part-time teacher-librarian
- Year 8 history program (Resource Based)
- Teaching notetaking skills
- Dragons, Robots and Ratbags: literature-based reading program at Plympton High School
- Getting started in co-operative programming
- Presscom, the advertiser database
- Co-operative programming in the secondary school
- Year 8 Communications: social studies program (Resource Based)
- Co-operative programming: science unit.

Work has begun on collating the papers from these sessions for publication, and it is hoped this will be ready for distribution early in 1988. A summary of each session will be forwarded to SACIN (South Australian Curriculum Information Network) for inclusion on the database. Plans for another conference early in Term 2, 1988 are already under way.

Susan O'Leary

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held in the Library at Underdale Campus of SACAE. The committee for 1988 is: AnneHazell, Robina Weir, Meredith Pettit, Jan Schmidt, Margaret Rowe, Julie Fenwick and Trish Bickley.

Alan Bundy was the guest speaker and he challenged teacher-librarians to inform other librarians and the general community about what they do. He stressed that teacher-librarians must take the initiative and invite other librarians to visit school libraries. Teacher-librarians must also encourage the community to come into schools so they can see the value and function of teacher librarians and school libraries. Teacher-librarians have a crucial role to play as the future decision makers are in schools now. They can ensure that students have experiences which will enable them to view libraries as vital

part of life. Children's librarians and teacher-librarians must work together more closely as they both have a fundamental role in the experiences of children.

The Section hopes that teacher-librarians will take up the challenges to promote school library services to other librarians and the community.

Trish Bickley

CATALOGUERS SECTION NATIONAL

Section membership pays off

Membership renewal time is here again. In 1988, as in 1987, it costs \$5 to belong to any Section or Special Interest Group; previously membership of the first Section was free. While \$5 doesn't seem very much to pay, the Cataloguers Section, like other Sections, found that it was enough to discourage a surprising number from rejoining in 1987.

A summary of the benefits that flow from paying this small amount and becoming a member of the Section in 1988 are as follows. To begin with, if you join it will cost you \$3 less to subscribe to *Cataloguing Australia*: \$15 in 1988 as opposed to \$18 for other LAA members. Second, financial members of the Section receive two issues each year of a news update which covers national Section events and reports on matters before the National Executive. Third, by becoming a member you can participate in the governance of the Section. That means you can vote in elections which select LAA representatives on the Australian Committee on Cataloguing, the Editor and Associate Editor of *Cataloguing Australia*, and other national office bearers of the Section. Fourth, in many cases membership will make you eligible for reduced rates for conferences and continuing education activities organised by the Section.

These are just some of the reasons to belong to the Cataloguers Section. We hope you'll agree that they represent far more than \$5 worth of reasons.

Warwick Cathro
President

VICTORIAN BRANCH

Victorian Branch Office

With another busy year ahead, Victorian Branch is pleased to be able to announce that it will have its own office in 1988. After an investigation into a number of alternatives, the Victorian Branch Council chose to set up an office at Technilib in Richmond. Our new address will be 123 Dover Street, Richmond and the telephone number is (03) 427 0071. Members will be able to obtain LAA publications from the office and to make contact with the Secretary, Deborah Lisson.

The future of the State Library

The Branch sponsored a second and very successful meeting on 21 December on the future of the Victorian State Library. We would like to express our appreciation to all of the members who returned petitions to us or to the Premier. If you still have petitions which you can have signed, it is not too late in January and February to forward them to The Hon. The Premier, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne 3002. The decision of the government on the future of the Queen Victoria Hospital

SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION SA GROUP

Resource Based Learning Conference

On 2 November, 120 teacher-librarians from all over the state gathered at Wattle Park Teachers' Centre to take part in The Resource Based Learning Conference - 2, a repeat of the Resource Based Learning Conference held in June. (Despite this, there were still 100 people on the reserve list because the quota was filled so quickly). The conference was organised by the School Libraries Section (SA Group) SMMART (Society of Mass Media and Resource Teachers) and RCTA (Resource Centre Teachers Association).

A plenary session by Joyce Kirk, from the School of Library and Information Studies, Kuring-gai CAE, preceded the workshops and presented a clear and concise picture of what Information Skills are all about. Numerous comments were made by many about how relieved and pleased they were that Joyce so clearly justified not having a skills continuum, and summarised so simply the way to tackle Information Skills from R-12: define purpose; locate sources; select data; process information; present information; evaluate work. Quite a useful list to have nearby when co-operative programming.

Workshop sessions were enthusiastically received. Some people wanted workshop topics repeated, while others felt that they needed to look at even more examples of

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site is not yet available to us and we know that to keep those letters and petitions coming in to the Premier can only help us to ensure that the State Library gets the functional space it needs.

Library services in Victoria

Victorian Branch has been invited to participate in the review of the reports of both the Structures Working Party and the Library Funding Review Working Party which have operated under the Ministry of the Arts and which have resulted from the Geddes Reports 1 and 2. We welcome this opportunity to be involved with the final reports of the first of a number of important working parties. More details are available from the Victorian Office.

Bev Kirby

LOCAL STUDIES SECTION NATIONAL

Challenge for the future

An exciting program has been designed for the Local Studies Section's seminar 'Local Studies: A Challenge for the Future', to be held on 26 February 1988. It is an appropriate time, in this Bicentennial year, to focus on the importance of local studies collections at national, state and local levels.

Library decision makers; — the managers and directors, together with archivists, historians, museum administrators and historical society representatives will find a great deal of relevance in the day's proceedings.

The Hon. Bob Carr, Minister for Planning and Environment and Heritage, will officially open the seminar, paving the way for a panoply of speakers, all prominent in their field.

Alan Bundy, LAA President, Ian McShane, Committee to Review Australian Studies in Education, and Carol Liston, President of the Professional Historian's Association, will discuss the significance of local studies collections; to Australia in the preliminary session, 'National Perspectives'.

Networking will be examined by Margy Burn, Mortlock Library of South Australia, and Ann Enderby, Mitchell Library. Of particular interest in this session will be an analysis

of the computerised systems currently being developed including nationwide schemes and local projects.

The third part of the program will explore the 'grass roots' level, and Gail Griffiths, Royal Australian Historical Society, Graeme Deutscher, Wollongong City Library, and Peter Orlovich, University of NSW, will contribute their experience to this segment.

The seminar will be held at the Archives Office of NSW, 2 Globe Street, The Rocks, Sydney, between 9.00 am and 4.45 pm. Cost is \$20 (LAA Members) or \$30 (non-members). Participants in the seminar from country areas of NSW may be eligible for a subsidy for transport and accommodation from the LAA NSW Branch. Please apply directly to John Bartholomeus, Treasurer, LAA, NSW Branch, NSW Department of TAFE, Level 20, 323 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, 2000. Enquiries and bookings to Jan Richards, Wollongong City Library (042) 27 7418.

Jan Richards

CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS SIG

Palm Court Orchestra Fire Disaster

Alan Howell's presentation concerning the Palm Court Orchestra Fire Disaster drew a large audience to the conference room of the Fisher Library, University of Sydney, on 19 November 1987. This was the first of a series of talks which are organised by the LAA SIG on the Conservation of Library Materials.

Alan is the newly appointed manager of the Preservation Department, State Library of NSW. He took up his position last July and in early August was confronted with organising the salvage operation after a fire severely damaged the large, important sheet music collection of the Palm Court Orchestra. The collection was stored on the ground floor of an Erskineville house with a family living above. The people escaped the blaze with little more than the clothes they wore and a cello.

Alan's slide presentation brought the scene graphically to life: the aftermath of the inferno, illustrating the respective merits of wood versus metal shelving; the proportion of partially damp material and methods employed for air drying; the varied tasks

carried out by teams of volunteers; the immense amount of charred, water-soaked material needing preparation for freezing to prevent mould attack.

Many points were emphasised, particularly the need for organisation, the numbers of people involved, the amount of space and length of time needed for the tasks, the dirtiness, the depression which can set in, the ongoing amount of labour needed to complete the salvage and finally the generosity of businesses which supplied free many necessary goods and services — mainly through the persuasion of one person on the telephone.

Three of the volunteer workers spoke of their impressions and experiences, adding to the vividness of the presentation. A display of black and white photographs with explanatory captions complemented the address and increased the interest of the audience, stimulating questions and discussion.

The next speaker, at the Fisher Library, University of Sydney, Conference Room, 6.00 for 6.30 pm, on 10 March 1988 will be Heather McPherson, a Sydney conservation book-binder. Her subject, 'A Realistic Alternative to the Case Binding', should be an interesting and well timed occasion if we are thinking of rebinding any rare and historic volumes during the Bicentennial year.

Tom Taylor

RURAL AND ISOLATED LIBRARIES SIG

Good news at last for people who work in rural and isolated libraries. The Special Interest Group for Rural and Isolated Libraries (National) is up and running, and is now calling upon LAA members and non-members for support.

The aims of the group are to:

- heighten the awareness of the needs and problems of people in isolation;
- provide a voice for people alone;
- create a sense of community spirit and achievement for people who feel professionally and geographically isolated.

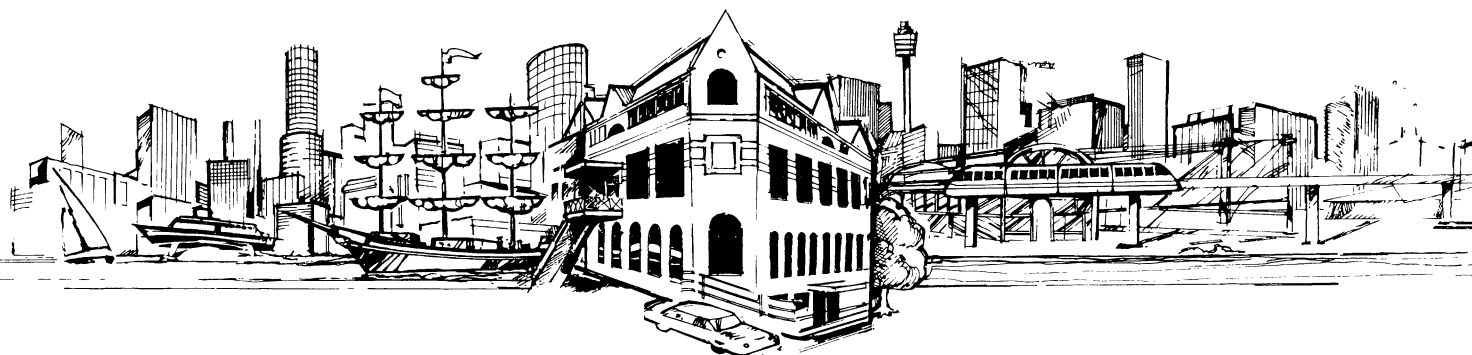
To achieve these goals the committee has established a strong foundation with close links to the LAA; is investigating the establishment of external courses and publications that may be useful; and will be establishing a Resource and Display Library from which

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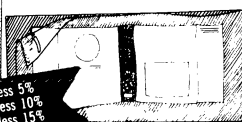
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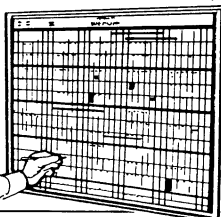
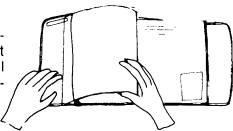
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resources, equipment and displays will be sent around the country.

The committee has pledged to investigate a means of taping continuing education activities to assist rural members who are unable to attend.

Things are starting to happen but your help is needed. In March a newsletter will be distributed Australia-wide seeking membership and outlining forthcoming events. I urge you not only to join but encourage others as well. This is the first real opportunity that the LAA has been able to provide for rural and isolated people, so don't let it slip away. Stand up and be counted.

Alison Reid
President

TAFE SECTION NATIONAL

The new Executive for 1988 is:

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Conference Supplement

The Supplement to the Proceedings of the First National Conference of the LAA TAFE National and the TAFE Section Queensland Group, has now been published and distributed. If you paid for the Proceedings and have not received your copy of the Supplement, please contact Janet Stewart, Preston College of TAFE, St Georges Rd, Preston, Victoria 3072, and it will be mailed to you.

Judy Engall
Past Secretary

LISPD SIG

Report on 1987

LISPD (Libraries and Information Services for People with Disabilities) is a national group which provides a meeting ground for librarians from all sectors (community, special, academic, school, etc.) who have a common interest in serving people with disabilities. Members' interests cover the whole range of disabilities and comprise library and information services to people with disabilities and to professionals involved in disability services.

The main purposes of LISPD are to provide an exchange of information on new resources and technology, to share innovative ideas, to provide a forum for visiting experts and to provide mutual professional support. This has been done through regular meetings and visits to libraries and organisations of interest, as well as through reports and correspondence.

Financial membership nationally stands at 110. In addition, meetings have been regularly attended by many LAA members and others who are not official members of the

group but who are interested in the topics. Municipal librarians have shown a particular interest.

In 1987, LISPD's second year of operation, five successful meetings were held in Sydney, and its first meeting in Melbourne. In an effort to provide a service to members who are currently unable to attend meetings, a proposal has been developed for a LISPD 'Guide to Resources for Providers of Information Services for People with Disabilities'. LAA approval for the project has been received and distribution should occur in the middle of the year.

Topics covered in the Sydney meetings included resources provided by the National Library and each state library, the proposed disability thesaurus, the Independent Living Centre's resources, library services for children with disabilities, sources of information on housing and home modification, and anti-discrimination issues. Attendance numbers at these meetings ranged from 10 to 18, with 52 people attending one or more meetings. The Melbourne meeting had plenty of ideas for future activities.

The minutes of each meeting were sent to all members and special effort went into making them include as much information as possible so that they acted as an informal newsletter.

This year LISPD plans to make greater use of the National Library publication LINK-UP to disseminate items of information which might be useful to our members. LISPD also plans to continue regular group meetings as well as participating in the NSW State Library's conference on Library Services for Deaf and Hearing Impaired People, and the LAA/IFLA conference.

Maureen Webb
Convener

NSW CENTRAL WESTERN REGIONAL GROUP

The first meeting of this new group was held at Orange City Library on 20 November. More than 30 librarians from Springwood to Bourke attended. The new library was inspected. The group was then treated to a demonstration of basic conservation methods by Helen Price, the LAA's Bicentennial Conservator. Much interest was shown and it is hoped to have a more extensive conservation activity in Bathurst during the year.

The Executive for 1988 is as follows:

President: Margaret Macpherson

Secretary: Lynne Collett

Treasurer: Marilyn Hawkett

Committee member: Rosalind Dorsman

Two meetings are planned for this year. The first meeting on 11 March will discuss censorship, focusing on censorship related to adolescent literature. Alan Bundy, LAA President, will be present. A more detailed announcement will appear in the Happenings column.

M. Macpherson
President

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February 17 Tas Branch. Meeting: Peter Biskup (Senior Lecturer Canberra CAE) 'Aspects of Archival History in Tasmania'. Venue: University of Tasmania Arts Tea Room. Time: 7.30 pm (all welcome). Contact: Peter Cohen (002) 20 2628.

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TASMANIAN BRANCH

Film and video library services

The closure of the State Library of Tasmania Film Library is symptomatic of the alarming decline in Tasmanian public library services. Tasmania is now the only state without a film lending library. Moreover, while other states are developing new film and video library services, the State Library has not been able to spend money on the purchase of films or videos and has not even been able to start developing a video library service.

A comparison with services offered in other states shows clearly that the Tasmanian public is missing out.

The State Film and Video Library of South Australia spent \$417,000 last financial year (1986/87) on the purchase of new films and videos. Films and videos are available for loan to community groups, service groups, schools, businesses, organisations etc. Videos as part of a pilot program, are also being made available for loan from 26 public libraries; next year 50 small public libraries in South Australia will participate in the program. The videos available through the public libraries are videos not available from retail outlets eg. children's material, documentaries, ABC and BBC programs etc.

The State Film Centre of Victoria is developing an exciting program called '100 videos in 100 libraries'. The Centre offers municipal libraries 100 titles a year which have been purchased in bulk and can be made available to small public libraries at a much lower cost. The videos provided by the Victorian public libraries cover a wide range of subjects.

The State Film Library of NSW has spent a total of \$235,000 last financial year on films and videos, 90 percent of which was expended on the purchase of videos. The State Library of NSW is allowing a whole floor of one wing of their new building to be an open access video library collection, available for loan, and the librarians involved with the service consider the video collection to be one of the new dynamic public library services to be offered to the public in the 1980s.

Other states and territories are all similarly expanding their film libraries to encompass the provision of video lending services.

The Branch wishes to alert the Tasmanian

public to the inadequate library services they are receiving. The Association believes Tasmanians deserve and should be entitled to the same library services taxpayers receive in other states.

Jill Adamski
Past President

SA Public Libraries Automatic Information Network

SA State Local Government Minister, Barbara Wiese, has announced details of a \$3m Public Libraries Automatic Information Network (PLAIN), jointly funded by State and Local Government.

The scheme, to be developed over the next five years, will link South Australia's 131 public libraries giving users greater access to resources held in public libraries throughout the state.



Watching PLAIN go through its paces — SA Local Government Minister, Barbara Wiese, Local Government Association Vice President, Malcolm Germein, with SA State Librarian, Euan Miller, at the microphone.

Access to PLAIN is via modem. The system facilitates book selection (without the expense of librarians having to visit the Public Libraries Branch at Norwood); easy checking of catalogues and the progress of ordered items; and interlibrary loan.

Ms Wiese praised Local Government for its co-operation and enthusiastic support of the initiative. 'PLAIN is an excellent example of the State and Local Government working together to benefit the community', she said. 'PLAIN will particularly benefit borrowers in rural areas, but every library user will gain

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What's new for '88 ...

Celebrations for the LAA half century are over now. We have reached that level of maturity where we are hoping to make leaps and bounds on the way to our centenary celebrations (that's if we survive this Bicentenary!!)

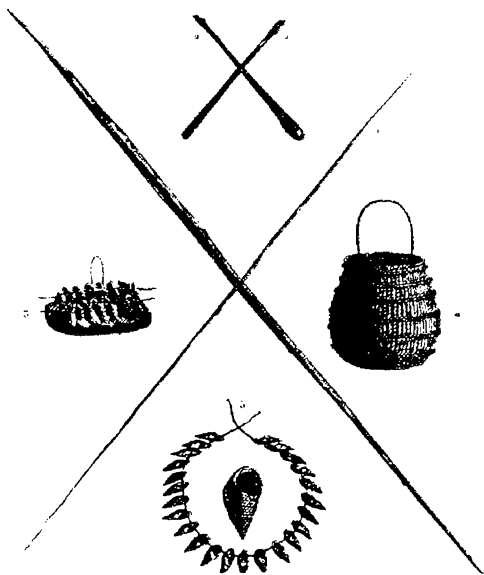
While most Australians are lying in the sun enjoying their holidays, the LAA has already been busy putting together the first issue of *InCite* and planning for a big year, with many new members and many others renewing their membership (no, this isn't a reminder). So what can we do for you? A small group of NSW YUPLIS (Young Upward Professional Library Information Specialists) has met to examine what we can do for our new and young professionals. So far the group is made up of a special, a school, and a public librarian as well as two euphoric non-librarians. We would like to get more new and young professionals involved in the activities of the Association, making you aware of the benefits gained from meeting new people and making professional contacts, continuing education, and getting involved in what is happening in professional matters.

The group is looking at organising economical social activities, specialist continuing education programs, establishing an encouragement award, organising topical presentations to students and any other activities that may be desired. If you are interested in being part of this group contact Alison Reid on (02) 230 1414 (w) or (02) 929 5763 (h), or Joanne Fuller at the LAA on (02) 692 9233. Maybe you have some ideas of your own for activities. All are welcome.

Mary Baker

If you want to know how the concept of a National Information Policy impinges on the role of the teacher-librarian, read Anne Hazell's article in *ALJ*. Out February. And only \$15 pa.

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